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BRUSSELS, OCTOBER 23 -- NATO'S COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF  
MODERN SOCIETY, ON THE FINAL DAY OF ITS PLEANRY SESSION HERE WEDNESDAY,

APPROVED FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF A PILOT STUDY ON INLAND WATER  
POLLUTION AND REVIEWED PROGRESS REPORTS IN THE FIELDS OF ENERGY,  
URBAN TRANSPORTATION AND ADVANCED WASTE WATER TREATMENT.

THE COMMITTEE'S ACTION ON THE INLAND WATER POLLUTION STUDY WILL  
NOW BE PASSED TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION.

BEGUN IN 1969, THE INLAND WATER POLLUTION PROJECT WAS PILOTTED  
BY CANADA, WITH FRANCE, BELGIUM AND THE UNITED STATES AS CO-PILOTS.  
THE STUDY INVESTIGATED  
FOUR METHODS OF COMBATting INLAND WATER POLLUTION: INDIRECT ECONOMIC  
MEASURES SUCH AS GOVERNMENT ANTI-POLLUTION SUBSIDIES AND USER FEES,  
HANDLED BY FRANCE; AND MODELING, HANDLED BY BELGIUM, IN WHICH A DATA  
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EVALUATION PROCESS SIMILAR TO TEHNIQUES EMPLOYED IN AIR POLLUTION  
STUDIES, WAS USED. CANADA, IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S., CON-  
CENTRATED ON ONVERRALL RIVER BASIN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND  
PLANNING, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO TRANS-BOUNDARY POLLUTION

QUESTIONS. CENTERPIECE OF THE CANADIAN-U.S. COLLABORATION WAS THE ST. JOHN, WHICH RISES IN THE CANADIAN PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, RUNS THROUGH MAINE IN THE UNITED STATES, AND FLOWS BACK INTO CANADA. ONE RESULT OF THE ST. JOHN STUDY, ACCORDING TO CANADIAN DELEGATE E.L. EDGEWORTH, IS THE FORMATION OF A U.S.-CANADIAN COMMITTEE INVOLVING FEDERAL, STATE/PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER IN TRANS-BOUNDARY MANAGEMENT PLANNING TO SOLVE THE RIVER'S POLLUTION PROBLEMS STEMMING FROM THE PRESENCE OF CANADIAN PULP MILLS AND U.S. STARCH PLANTS. EDGEWORTH CALLED THE INLAND WATER POLLUTION STUDY "EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL".

IN THE ENERGY FIELD, THE COMMITTEE HEARD PROGRESS REPORTS ON SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PRODUCTION, AND ENERGY CONSERVATION. U.S. DELEGATE JOHN BARNUM, UNDER SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, CALLED THESE THREE PROJECTS "VERY PROMISING" AND SAID MORE AND MORE TIME AND EFFORT WOULD BE SPENT ON THEM IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

ONE ILLUSTRATIVE ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT WAS DISCUSSED BY A DANISH EXPERT, PROFESSOR VAGN KORSGAARD, WHO SPOKE OF THE PROTOTYPE "ZERO ENERGY HOUSE" IN WHICH NO ENERGY IS NEEDED FOR HEATING. SUCH HOUSES, HE SAID, ARE NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT IN DENMARK, THE NETHERLANDS AND WEST GERMANY. YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF RATIONAL ENERGY USE WAS A RECENT MEETING IN PARIS ON ELECTRIC UTILITY LOAD MANAGEMENT, IN WHICH INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATED TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON LEVELING PEAK POWER CONSUMPTION.

IN ITS REVIEW OF WORK IN THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION FIELD, THE COMMITTEE HEARD REPORTS ON A GROUP OF STUDIES BEGUN IN 1972. ONE OF THESE, CONCERNING THE MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT, IS BEING CARRIED OUT UNDER FRENCH SUPERVISION AND IS IN AN ADVANCED STAGE. OTHER PROJECTS IN THIS GROUP COMPRISE PRIORITY SYSTEMS FOR BUSES (GREAT BRITAIN); PASSENGER COLLECTION SYSTEMS (BELGIUM); FORECASTING URBAN TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS (UNITED STATES), AND URBAN TRANSPORT TECHNIQUES (GERMANY).

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THE UNITED KINGDOM REPORTED ON ITS PILOT STUDY OF ADVANCED METHODS OF SEWAGE TREATMENT AND NOTED SUBSTANTIAL WORK IN RELATED AREAS BY WEST GERMANY, FRANCE, CANADA. THE UK HAS TWO LARGE PILOT PLANTS NOW IN OPERATION IN MANCHESTER AND NEAR BIRMINGHAM, WHICH INCORPORATE EXPERIMENTAL FORMS OF WASTE WATER TREATMENT. THE BIRMINGHAM PLANT HANDLES 450 CUBIC METERS PER DAY IN EACH OF TWO STREAMS.

THE MANCHESTER PLANT HANDLES 150 CUBIC METERS PER DAY.

WEST GERMANY PRESENTED ITS PROGRESS REPORT AS PILOT OF THE HAZARDOUS WASTES PILOT STUDY IN WHICH SEVERAL NATO NATIONS HAVE NOW JOINED. THE U.S. REPORTED ON NEARLY-COMPLETED ALLIED WORK IN THE FIELD OF ADVANCED HEALTH CARE, WHICH IS LED BY THE U.S. BELGIUM

REPORTED ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH ITS MODELING  
WORK WITH OTHER NATO COUNTRIES ON POLLUTION OF THE NORTH SEA.  
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